2022 Gallery Exhibits

Application Due: August 25, 2021

Exhibit Dates: Monthly shows June thru November, 2022

The Allied Arts Gallery is an extension of Allied Arts of Whatcom County's mission to create and foster an environment in which the arts are an integral part of our community and to support and encourage the arts and artists of Whatcom County. We are looking for artists working in a variety of media to fill our exhibits in 2022. Submissions are juried on their originality, subject matter and use of medium. Each show is curated by Allied Arts Staff, approximately 1 month long and consisting of 3 - 5 artists.

Creative Spaces

Applicatons Due: ongoing

Exhibit Dates: As vacancies become available, no sooner than 1 month from entry date.

juried show of temporary art exhibits and installations that will enliven the darkened windows of vacated facilities downtown with art from the community and create a series of arthons throughout the area. Arists will be matched up with local property owners based on the artist's requests and the property owner's specificaions.

More Info

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Deadline: September 7, 2021 at 11:59 PM
Account Number: 110007
Number of Awards: 10 Eligible

About the 2021 GAP Awards

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Funding for the 2021 GAP Awards is made possible in part thanks to WarnerMedia, funded by AT&T.

More Info

Mini Art Gallery Project

Apply for funding to create a Mini Art Gallery in your neighborhood!

Applications Due: Wednesday, August 31, 2021

Allied Arts is committed to promoting community connectivity through the arts. The Mini Art Gallery Project will be supported using residencies funding made possible by Whatcom Community Foundation. We celebrate that community art can cover in many forms and supporting new mini art galleries will be a way to connect communities as accessible, innovative, and forms of artistry.

What is a “Mini Gallery”?

Maybe over the years, you have seen little libraries pop up in your neighborhood that tell you to “take a book - leave a book”. Recently there has been a similar model used to create small community galleries housed in a small box structure where art can be viewed, taken and replaced, and more. It is a special way for people to interact with art and share creativity.

Allied Arts is excited to see creative ways to create/decorate/run a small gallery. Allied Arts will be picking 5 proposals for a Mini Art Gallery to receive a spend of $200 as a part of residencies funding from Whatcom Community Foundation.

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Goodbye from Katy

I have been the Artist Services Coordinator at Allied Arts for the last 13 years, managing our gallery, festival, website and a million other things. Over those dozen or so years, I’ve had many roles and responsibilities, a marriage and a baby, and behind all of it a wonderful community of artists, partners, and colleagues. I cannot thank Kelly and the other staff enough for all the support and education they’ve given me both personally and professionally over the years. I am honored to have filled this role within our community for this long and to help allied arts grow for the last decade.

Two years ago I decided to pursue a career in social services, and in early August, I completed my Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California and was offered a position as a Housing Case Manager at Lydia Place. My last day at Allied Arts will be Friday, September 3.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you! I am truly grown as a person and am a better person for my experiences in this role. I will truly miss my community arts family!

With gratitude,
Katy Tolles

As Katy steps away from her role, new space is created to bring some folks on board. We hope you will welcome them with open arms as they step into their new roles.

Liz Smyth - Program Assistant
Jess Irvine - Gallery Assistant
Deanna Lane - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

We hope you are in the gallery, please take a moment to introduce yourself!

Following the recommendations of the Whatcom County and Washington State Health Department, we are requiring masks in our gallery and store.